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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT LEONE

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1. MFA RELEASED STATEMENT AUGUST 27 ANNOUNCING LEONE'S VISIT TO US AS AGREED. STATEMENT IN SUBSTANCE PICKED UP BY MOST MAJOR NEWSPAPERS. MEDIA STATES THAT PRESIDENT LEONE WILL BE THE FIRST CHIEF OF STATE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT FORD.
2. QUIRINALE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MORO WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY.
3. SPOKESMAN SAID THAT VISIT FOLLOWS RENEWAL BY PRESIDENT FORD OF 1973 INVITATION, AND THAT IT WAS LONG PLANNED FOR THIS FALL. SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT US INTEREST IN ITALY AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR OF STABILITY AND EQUILIBRIUM WAS EMPHASIZED DURING THE VISIT WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE TO ROME IN JULY. HE ADDED "THIS INTEREST DERIVES FROM THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH ITALY CAN MAKE TO A STABLE AND PEACEFUL (WORLD) ORDER, TO THE STRENGTHENING OF DETENTE, AND TO THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTERESTS."

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4. SPOKESMAN SAID THAT VISIT WILL PROVIDE A VERY USEFUL

OCCASION "FOR AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON THE ECONOMIC-FINANCIAL
PROBLEMS WHICH CHARACTERIZE THE PRESENT EUROPEAN AND WORLD
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